

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-11 and 21-31.

1. (Cancelled 1-11)

12. (Previously Presented) A method of managing time and expense data associated with a contract, in a data processing system, said method comprising:

- identifying a contract and its associated project(s);
- accepting guidelines associated with the identified contract and its associated project(s);
- receiving expense data corresponding to the contract and its associated project(s);
- receiving time data corresponding to the contract and the projects(s);
- routing the received expense data and time data to an approving authority responsible for determining whether the expense and/or time data is to be approved;
- calculating billable costs associated with the received expense data and time data upon approval by the approving authority of the expense data and time data, wherein the billable costs are calculated according to the guidelines associated with the identified contract and its associated project(s); and
- generating invoices corresponding to the calculated billable costs.

13. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12 having stored thereon-additional instructions, said additional instructions when executed by a computer, cause said computer to perform the method of providing contract and project guidelines further comprising:

- providing contract and project types;
- providing contract and project status;

- providing timesheet entry configurations;
- providing expense sheet entry configurations;
- providing timesheet approval configurations;
- providing expense sheet approval configurations; and
- providing expense rules.

14. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12 having stored thereon-additional instructions, said additional instructions when executed by a computer, cause said computer to perform the method of providing contract and project guidelines further comprising:

- providing resource assignments;
- providing task assignments; and
- providing manager assignments.

15. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12 having stored thereon-additional instructions, said additional instructions when executed by a computer, cause said computer to perform the method of providing time data further comprising:

- providing periodic time entries for a multitude of projects and contracts;
- providing a type of time category selection; and
- providing a class of work completed selection.

16. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12 having stored thereon-additional instructions, said additional instructions when executed by a computer, cause said computer to perform the method of providing time data further comprising dividing time data into individual cells of time with an associated cell status and routing path.

17. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12 having stored thereon-additional instructions, said additional instructions when executed by a computer, cause said computer to perform the method of providing expense data further comprising:

- providing periodic expense entries for a plurality of projects and contracts;
- providing expense types;
- providing expense categories;
- providing payment types;
- providing foreign currency types; and
- providing split-expenses.

18. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12 having stored thereon-additional instructions, said additional instructions when executed by a computer, cause said computer to perform the method of providing expense data further comprising dividing expense data into individual cells of time with an associated cell status and routing path.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12 having stored thereon-additional instructions, said additional instructions when executed by a computer, cause said computer to further perform the method of generating invoices from approved expense and time data.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 12 having stored thereon-additional instructions, said additional instructions when executed by a computer, cause said computer to further perform the method of generating financial analysis reports.

21 – 31 (Cancelled)

32. (Original) A carrier wave containing data from a data processing system, said carrier wave comprising:

- contract and project guidelines;
- expense data corresponding to the contract and project guidelines;

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time data corresponding to the contract and project guidelines;
expense and time data analyzed corresponding to the contract and project guidelines;
expense routing data corresponding to the contract and project guidelines; and
time routing data corresponding to the contract and project guidelines.